WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An optical apparatus for observation

comprising:

objective lens means;

5 eyepiece means;

prism means for reflecting a light beam from said objective lens means to direct it to said eyepiece means; and

variable angle prism means disposed between said objective lens means and said prism means for changing the direction of the light beam from said objective lens means.

2. An optical apparatus for observation according to Claim 1, further comprising:

detecting means for detecting the shake of said optical apparatus; and

driving means for driving said variable angle prism means on the basis of the detection signal of said detecting means.

3. An optical apparatus for observation according to Claim 1, wherein said prism means erects the image of said objective lens means.

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